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ATTN: Theresa Troiano, Business Operations Manager
The Brielle at Seaview
145 Friendship Lane
Staten Island, N.Y. 10314

Ms. Troiano,

I am writing in regard to the distressing news that your facility is still struggling to control *Legionella* bacteria in the building water system. This has been an ongoing issue at Brielle since at least 2016. Earlier this year, we engaged with the New York City Department of Health to discontinue water use recommendations based on satisfactory water quality results and implementation of recommendations so that your residents could finally enjoy the basic necessities of showering within their own apartments. Months later, *Legionella* bacteria were again detected and water use recommendations reinstated. Clearly, what your team has attempted for the past four years has failed and is not enough.

We cannot afford to tinker with water systems when the quality-of-life and health of senior citizens is at risk. In the past, your team has encouraged senior citizens to venture outside in the winter months to bathe in facilities outside of their own buildings. That is dangerous and it is unacceptable that they may face that choice once again. My constituents do not deserve to be living in these conditions.

I am requesting an immediate action plan with a detailed time table for remedial treatment in accordance with the Health Department's direction to effectively control *Legionella* growth in your building water system. I expect this plan to be comprehensive in nature in order to prevent this from every happening again. In the meantime, I am reaching out to the relevant state and city regulatory agencies to ensure my constituents have not been put in unnecessary risk by an apparent lack of urgency on your business' part to fix this now years-old problem.

Sincerely,



Max Rose
Member of Congress